(b) whether as a part of the Dacoit tourism package, the visitor is offered a meeting with bandits who have laid down arms; and

(c) whether a few tour operators feel the package involved risk because of inhospitable terrains?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) As per information received from Government of Rajasthan, no package of Dacoit Tourism has been launched in the State.

Appeal by foreign countries to their citizens

†2462. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governments of Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand have advised their citizens that they should not go to India for the purpose of tourism;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many travellers have got their reservations cancelled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the dream for 'Incredible India' is going to shatter; and

(d) if so, the steps Government intends to take at international level to avoid it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Travel Advisories have been issued by countries, including Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand, advising their citizens to avoid travel or to take precautions while traveling to areas in the country which are temporarily disturbed.

Following the terrorist attack in Mumbai, there have been some cases of cancellation of visits by foreign tourists to India. The Ministry of Tourism has, however, taken several confidence building measures in order to avoid a negative impact on tourism. Security updates for foreign tourists have been put up on the website of the Ministry. There have been regular interactions with the international travel industry and media through the Indian Missions and India tourism offices overseas and familiarisation tours to India for international travel trade and media representatives have been arranged, to keep them updated on the situation on ground in Mumbai as well as the rest of the country.

Demand for hospitality in tourism sector

2463. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more hotel management institutes in the country to meet the growing demand of trained manpower in the hospitality and tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which these institutes will be set up;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is a fact that even after setting up of more hotel management institutes, the demand of trained manpower in the hospitality and tourism sector is unlikely to be met; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) proposes to set up 19 new hotel management institutes and 25 food craft institutes during the Eleventh Plan. Identification of sites is the responsibility of the State Governments./UTs. and MoT offers CFA on receipt of proposals complete in all respects, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. So far, the MoT had sanctioned nine Hotel Management and seven Food Craft Institutes during the Eleventh Plan as given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A decision has been taken that the Ministry of Tourism will extend financial assistance for strengthening of existing IHMs/FCIs and creation of infrastructure necessary for the start of hospitality courses in Vocational Schools, ITIs, Polytechnic Institutes, Government Colleges, Universities, and Public Sector Undertakings.

Statement

Details of Location of 9 State IHMs and 7 State FCIs sanctioned in the Eleventh Plan

Sl.No.	State/UT	Location	Year of Sanction
1	2	3	4
	State Institutes of Hotel Management		
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Yupia	2007-08
2.	Bihar	IHM, Bodhgaya	2007-08
3.	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur	2007-08
4.	Kerala	Kozhikode	2007-08
5.	Maharashtra	Solapur	2007-08
6.	Mizoram	Ailwang	2007-08
7.	Nagaland	Dimapur	2007-08
8.	Punjab	Bhatinda	2007-08
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Fursatganj	2007-08
	Total	9	
	State Food Craft institutes		
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu	2007-08

1	2	3	4
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Garh Mukteshwar	2007-08
3.	Karnataka	Haasan	2007-08
4.	Assam	Nogaon	2007-08
5.	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	2008-09
6.	Punjab	Hoshiarpur	2008-09
7.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	2008-09
	Total	7	

Master plan for development of tourism industry

2464. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes a master plan for the development of tourism industry and historical monuments across the country;

(b) whether it is proposed to establish museums in different States which would be useful for research in Indian history and culture; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. However, to facilitate development of tourism in a systematic and holistic manner, the Ministry of Tourism had commissioned 20-Year Perspective Plans for State/Union Territories at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan. These perspective plans, which give action plans for tourism development in the short term and long term, were sent to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to guide them in initiating action for development and promotion of tourism.

There are 3675 protected monuments/sites across the country declared as of national importance under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India, which are preserved, conserved and maintained as per the archaeological norms subject to the availability of resources. The annual conservation programme for structural repairs and the maintenance of the monuments are prepared based upon the annual budget allotment on Year-to-year basis. There are 42 site museums wherein the sculptures and findings in the archaeological sites are displayed.

Promotion of Eco-Tourism

2465. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state: